

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 12, “Fees,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The changes proposed in this new rule are needed to inform applicants about the processes that will be put in place in the Board office. For some time now, the staff has had difficulty determining when to close an application if an applicant has not completed the application process. This rule will clearly spell out the procedures.

A waiver provision is not included. The Board has adopted a uniform waiver rule.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, November 24, 2010, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment before 4 p.m. on Monday, November 29, 2010. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or sent by E-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov, or by fax to (515)281-7669.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.

The following amendment is proposed.

Adopt the following new rule 282—12.9(272):

282—12.9(272) Retention of incomplete applications.

12.9(1) *Timeline for complete application materials to be submitted.* Upon receipt of an incomplete application, the executive director will send a letter of deficiencies to the applicant stipulating that complete application materials must be submitted to the board office within 45 days of the date the letter is received. If the materials are not received within that timeline, the application process will be closed. If the applicant submits information after the deadline, the application process requires submission of a complete set of application materials and fees, including late fees if applicable, for practicing with an expired license, without the proper endorsement, or without an Iowa board-issued license.

12.9(2) *Background check.* The background check fee will be valid for one year. If a license is not issued within one year of a completed background check, the background check shall be considered void.

12.9(3) *Timeline for audited online renewals.* Upon receipt of notification that the online renewal application has been audited, the applicant shall have 45 days to submit the official transcripts and mandatory reporter verification to the board office. If the materials are not received within that timeline, the applicant will be notified that the application process is closed. If the applicant submits information after the 45-day deadline, the application process requires submission of a complete set of application

materials and fees. If the license expires during the 45-day deadline and the applicant is teaching, the school district will be notified that the applicant's license is expired and the individual shall not continue teaching until the complete application materials are submitted to the board office.

12.9(4) *Request for additional time.* If the applicant is not able to submit the application materials within the 45-day deadline, the applicant may contact the executive director with a request for additional time. The applicant must submit verification as to the need for the additional time. The executive director will review the request and provide a written decision either approving or denying the request.